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# New Program rEV's Up!



Over 30 people attended the first workshop at the UO last week to learn more about transitioning to an electric vehicle and the new rEV Up Eugene discount program. The presentation discussed not just the environmental benefits of EV ownership, but also potential cost savings. Electric vehicles are cheaper to operate because they are virtually maintenance free and because electricity is a less expensive fuel source than gasoline. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, for the cost of a gallon of gas, you can drive 113 miles in an electric vehicle compared to under 30 miles in a gas-powered car. Put another way, the average local driver could save about \$850 in fuel costs per year.

People who attend the workshop can then take advantage of a steep discount being offered at

Lithia Nissan on the 2016 LEAF. The pre-negotiated group discount and federal tax credit will take about \$15k off the sticker price of the car. Plus, EWEB is now

offering a \$200 incentive towards the purchase of a qualifying all-electric vehicle through the end of the year (capped at \$20,000).

Still, EVs aren't for everyone. If you want to learn more and possibly take advantage of this program, go to <a href="www.DriveOregon.org/EugeneEV">www.DriveOregon.org/EugeneEV</a> to register for an upcoming workshop. The rEV Up Eugene program is available to any area resident that has completed the workshop.

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## Let's Create Places for People in Downtown Eugene

The <u>Places for People</u> project is going strong after our big October outreach week. Despite the rain and wind, hundreds of people came out to talk with the Project for Public Spaces (PPS) team, City staff, and one another about ideas, concerns and opportunities around the city center. The week featured a presentation and open house with PPS president Fred Kent,



community workshops, and pop up stations around downtown and other parts of the city.

It's not too late to share your thoughts! Our online survey will run until November 15<sup>th</sup>, and we are working to schedule additional pop ups at upcoming events and in other locations around the community. If you haven't yet done so, provide your input, thoughts and suggestions on downtown public spaces with the survey.

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Then, if you'd like to stay involved and receive project updates, email: PlacesforPeople@ci.eugene.or.us

Thanks for helping to build a downtown that is the true heart and soul of Eugene. A thriving cultural, commercial and community center. A place that is safe, vibrant and welcoming to all.

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Volunteer at the Library's Maker Hub



The Downtown Eugene Public Library's Maker Hub is an exciting place to be. Community members can drop in for Open Labs to explore and create independently using a wide variety of high-tech and low-tech tools. Areas of interest include 3D printing, robotics, programming, electronics, paper and other crafts, sewing, and more. At the heart of all this activity is a growing group of dedicated volunteers.

Maker Hub volunteers come from all walks of life. From teachers to students, college age to retirees, and those in their prime working years, they share a desire to contribute to increasing access

to these tools. Come to any Maker Hub Open Lab and you'll find a volunteer assisting and encouraging people of all ages and interests.

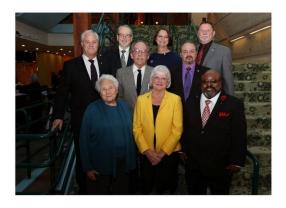
Says Volunteer Coordinator Amy Hartsfield, "Facilitating an Open Lab is a mix of knowledge, trouble shooting, and the desire to learn. The wonder and curious energy during Open Labs can be an amazing thing. Seeing children get excited about circuitry, strangers sitting side-by-side and helping each other with their projects, teens learning how to program and make robots come to life – this is the Maker Hub."

The Maker Hub is currently open to library cardholders for a number of <u>scheduled Open Labs</u> each week. As more volunteers are recruited and trained, open hours will expand until the Maker Hub is open the same hours as the Downtown Library. City employees are invited to use or volunteer at the Maker Hub, and to share the news of this volunteer opportunity with any interested adults. More information is available <u>here</u> or contact <u>Amy Hartsfield</u> at 541-682-8335.

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